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SUBJECT: PRESS SPECULATION ON CIA AGENTS IN PORTUGAL

1. "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS," (AUGUST 8) CARRIES FRONT-PAGE PIECE ENTITLED: "THE INDISPUTABLE FACT: AMERICAN JOURNALISTS CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF CIA IN PORTUGAL." ITEM REFERS TO FORTHCOMING ARTICLE BY SPANISH JOURNALIST FRANCISCO CERECEDO IN SPANISH MAGAZINE "CAMBIO 16" STATING THAT AMERICAN JOURNALISTS IN LISBON ARE AMAZED AT THE NUMBER OF CIA AGENTS, WHOM THEY KNEW FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA, WHO ARE PRESENTLY MEETING OPENLY IN THE "BARS OF DELUXE LISBON HOTELS." CERECEDO ARTICLE DENOUNCES CONTINUED AND OVERT PRESENCE OF CIA IN PORTUGAL. HE COMPOUNDS HIS INSINUATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING "EVIDENCE":

1. PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT THAT THE RECENT PUBLICITY ABOUT THE CIA IS PREVENTING DIRECT ACTIONS BY THE AGENCY.

2. WILLIAM COLBY'S DEFENCE OF "CLANDESTINE ACTIVITIES IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL SECURITY."

3. THE ARRIVAL OF FIVE SHIPS OF THE 6TH SQUADRON AT ROTA BASE IN SPAIN - THE SAME SHIPS THAT SOME MONTHS AGO "DISEMBARKED THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS FOR A HYPOTHETICAL INVASION OF PORTUGAL."

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